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1. It is said that there is now much more freedom in Slovakia since the change in the Poverenietvo of Interior, now headed by Gen. Nikola's Feriencik. Feriencik is rather weak, but he is anti-Communist and stands very close to the Slovak Democrats. He has already replaced several high functionaries of the Poverenietvo of Interior who were members of the Communist Party, and he is ready to clean out Section VI (Political), which was completely dominated by the Communists.
2. A certain number of small industrialists from Bohemia and Moravia, whose plants were not nationalized, are moving into Slovakia, because they are dissatisfied with the political situation in Bohemia and Moravia.
3. Out of 79 districts in Slovakia, only three will have a Communist as chairman of the District National Council, of which one will be the district of Brezno. According to an agreement between the Democratic and Communist Parties, the Communists will receive the post of First Deputy Chairman. However, in several districts where the Democratic Party received a large majority, it will hold both posts.
4. Because of these changes, the Slovak Communists have lost much of their aggressiveness which has been reflected by the marked decrease in cases of political persecution.

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